

Scope and Content

The sermons are arranged chronologically, according to the earliest date of delivery. Subsequent revisions of a sermon were filmed with the original, although the revisions may have been written at a much later date. For example, a sermon on John 12:44-48, dated November 11, 1832, was delivered on six occasions from 1835 to 1853. In 1860 . . . Bacon revised the opening pages of the sermon. On the microfilm the 1832 original and the 1860 revision appear together in the 1832 sermons. No cross-reference to the revision appears in the sermons for 1860, nor is there a cross-reference for any of the other six dates on which that particular sermon was used.

For the reasons mentioned above, a reel of microfilm labeled "Sermons, 1830-1836" would contain all of the sermons written during that time period, but it would not contain all of the sermons delivered or revised during that time period.